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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STRET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOOTON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street, W.M. WILKINSON, 161, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 100 Fleet Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDRE PRINCE, 26, Rue Lafitte, Paris.
NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HARPER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIC CHURCH, 52, West 22d Street.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTON, Melbourne and Sydney.
CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE AMPHOREAS CO., Colombo.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, etc.—KELLY & WALSH, LTD., Singapore.
CHINA.—MEXICO, A. A. DA CRUZ, Aviary, N. MOALE & CO., LIMITED, Foochow, HANCOCK & CO., Foochow, LANE, CRAWFORD, Up, and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

INTIMATIONS.

STEAM WATER-BOATS.

SHIPS SUPPLIED WITH FRESH WATER for Boilers and DOMESTIC PURPOSES with despatch.

J. W. KEW & CO.,
2nd Floor, 18, Praya Central.
Hongkong, April 20, 1893. 738

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB.

THERE will be a General MEETING of the above CLUB, at 6 p.m. on FRIDAY, 29th Inst., in the Gymnasium of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Notices of motion to be sent to Hon. Secy., H.K.C.S.C.

F. LINDSAY LLOYD, R.E.,
Hon. Secy., H.K.C.S.C.
Hongkong, April 20, 1893. 739

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

RATES OF INTEREST, Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$3,000,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROTECTORS.....\$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—
H. HOFFITZ, Esq., Chairman.

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Hongkong—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

MANAGER :
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.

" 12 " 4 " up to \$200,000.

" 12 " 4 " on sums in excess of \$200,000.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 14, 1893. 1435

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED.....£1,250,000.

Bankers.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 12 Months.....5%.

For 6 Months.....4%.

For 3 Months.....3%.

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$600,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Directors.

D. GILLIES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHANG, CHAN KEE SHAN, Esq. Etc.

G. J. HIBBERT, Esq. W. WOTTON, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. P. PAYFAIR.

Branches.

LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.

Bankers.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PARK'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

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Current Accounts.....2%.

Hongkong, January 7, 1893. 47

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,

GLENALY BUILDINGS,

(Nos. 12 and 14, Wyndham Street.)

Mrs. GILLANDER'S VACANCES

FOR RESIDENT BOARD AND VACATION ACCOMMODATION.—TABLE BOARDERS.

Hongkong, July 1, 1893. 1004

Banks.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

Calcutta-made SUN HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 18, 1893. 720

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undemanded PORTS on the DATES named:

PO. STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

KOBE.....7th.....Daylight, 22nd April. Freight only.

SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.....Anceno.....About 24th April....Freight and Passage.

LONDON, &c....Singapore....Noon, 27th April....See Special Advertisment.

STRAITS AND BOMBAY.....Freight only, calling at COLOMBO, 2nd May....If sufficient Indemnity offered.

LONDON via Marseilles.....Freight only, calling at COLOMBO, 2nd May....If sufficient Indemnity offered.

MARSEILLES.....Freight only, calling at COLOMBO, 2nd May....If sufficient Indemnity offered.

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1893. 693

W. POWELL & Co.

ARE LANDING EX STEAMSHIP NINGCHOW, OVER

300 PIECES OF NEW SUMMER DRESS GOODS

(Any length cut—PATTERNS FREE by Post).

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 15, 1893. 711

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, on THURSDAY, the 27th April, 1893, at 4 p.m.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 19, 1893. 548

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 26th April, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 22, 1893. 548

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

On FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months.....5%.

For 6 Months.....4%.

For 3 Months.....3%.

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on May, 1893, at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the abovesigned Resolution will be proposed:

That the First Sub-section of Article 103 of the Articles of Association of The China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., with its marginal note, be expunged, and that in lieu thereof the following Sub-section and marginal note be inserted, viz.—

It is hereby resolved, that the said Company be upon English Laws, and in accordance with the Hongkong Governmental Statute, Bonds, and Funds, and in or upon the Stock, Bonds, Funds, and Securities of any Foreign Government, Country, or State, and upon Mortgages of freehold or leasehold property in Hongkong or elsewhere, and in or upon deposits with or loans at interest to any Banking Institutions wherever established, and in or upon such other Securities as it may in its discretion think fit, and may from time to time convert or realize any portion of its investments and re-invest the same in or upon any of the Securities aforesaid as occasion requires.

By Order of the Directors.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES

FOR RESIDENT BOARDERS, at Kowloon, Victoria View.

Hongkong, April 18, 1893. 664

NOTICE.

ON SUNDAY Next (April 23rd), the OFFERTORIES in the CATHEDRAL, St. Peter's (Spaniard's) Church, and the UNION CHURCH will be given to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and Special Sermons will be preached.

Hongkong, April 18, 1893. 728

NOTICE.

LARGE SELECTION OF WHITE AND STRIPE FLANNELS AND SERGES.

TROPICAL TWEEDS, HOMESPUNS AND COATINGS.

TERAI HATS (ALL COLORS) AND SUN HATS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WATERPROOF COATS AND UMBRELLAS

&c., &c., &c.

865</

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(via Rio de Janeiro) THURSDAY, April 27.
(via Nagasaki, Inland Sea, Kobe, & Yokohama) THURSDAY, May 18.
City of Peking, (via Nagasaki, Inland Sea, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu) THURSDAY, May 18.
China, (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) TUESDAY, May 30.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF RIO JANERO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 27th April, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

First Class Passengers have full choice of all the Overland Routes, including CENTRAL PACIFIC, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, NORTH-EASTERN PACIFIC, and DENVER and RIO GRANDE RAILWAYS. They can also travel over the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of \$10 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-ports from Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 73, Queen's Road Central, J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, April 13, 1893. 701

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAIRE AND BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May, 1893, at noon, the Company's S.S. YARRA, Commandant de Macgregor, with CABLES, PASSENGERS, SPECIAL, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above ports.

Cables and Spoils will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles to the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 2nd May, 1893. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be sent at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 734

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 638

Mails.



STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship MIRZAPORE, Capt. R. HARVEY, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 27th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 13, 1893. 700

Intimations.



CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, 13, QUEEN'S ROAD, Hongkong, August 18, 1893. 1612

W I N D S O R H O T E L, (In Connaught Building), QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Rooms under European management. Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room. Hot and Cold water, Passenger Elevator to all floors.

Charges from \$2 per day upwards.

Special Rates for Families or Permanent Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let. Unfurnished, and Rooms with or without Board, by day or month. Apply at the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, August 23, 1893. 1534

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS, ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.

D I A M O N D S

D I A M O N D JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest Luxurious Patterns, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

To-day's Advertisements.

A CONVERSAZIONE & EXHIBITION will be given on THURSDAY NEXT, 27th April, at 9 p.m., IN THE CITY HALL.

Under the Auspices of the HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES.

H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON has kindly consented to open the CONVERSAZIONE.

The EXHIBITION will include the Exhibits to be sent to the IMPERIAL INSTITUTE representing the resources of Hongkong.

AN INDIAN COURT, INDUSTRIAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, ETHNOLOGICAL, BOTANICAL, and GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS OF ODD VOLUMES, WORKS-OF-ART, and BOOKS-OF-ART.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, to which the Govt. Electric Light, Telephone, Steam, Beam, and Cement, and other companies will contribute.

COLLECTIONS OF SILVER, WARE, SILK, COINS, WEAPONS, MODELS OF TEMPLES, MACHINERY, and VESSELS.

SCIENTIFIC and other INSTRUMENTS.

GLASS-MAKING, DIE PRINTING, STEEL ENGRAVING, BOOK KULING and STAMPING, PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, &c., &c.

An Admission of \$1 will be charged to cover expenses.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, or at the door.

SIDNEY JEFFREY, Hon. Sec., "Odd Volumes," Hongkong, April 21, 1893. 752

A GERMAN NURSE offers her Services to say Lady going from Hongkong to India.

Apply to "E. P. OFFICE OF THIS PAPER."

Hongkong, April 21, 1893. — 751

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Reliance, Captain F. J. Jager, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1893. 750

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Catherine Apcar having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining in the hold after the 24th instant will be landed at Circular Quay, and re-poned into the Godowns of the WANGSA & WEE HOOCHOOH AND SWAOON CO., LTD., Wanchai.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1893. 744

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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Hongkong, April 21, 1893. 745

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP PATHIN, FROM MIDDLEBROOK, HAMBURG, ANTWERP AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, at Kowloon, whence they will be forwarded to the principal ports of Europe.

All Orders will be promptly, faithfully and satisfactorily executed. Best Materials and Superior First-class Workmanship in neat and best style guaranteed.

CHARGES MODERATE.

No. 16, WELLINGTON STREET, Hongkong, February 1, 1893. 193

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a bituminous Coal of dark reddish colour. For Steam purposes, it has been pronounced to be the BEST and the MOST ECONOMICAL of ALL COALS.

It exports in increasing yearly, and the opinions expressed by several of the largest regular consumers are in testimony of the EXCELLENT QUALITIES of this COAL.

ATTENTION is called to the following ADDRESSES to Shippers and Captains, who Coal their Bunkers direct from the Undersigned.

Freshness of the Coal.

Uniformity of quality.

Freedom from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

Best of weight, etc., etc.

MITUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Sole Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1892. 1714

SAILOR'S HOME.

A NY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point Station, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

BANDANILLA, British barque, Capt. J. C. Jemm—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

JEROME, American ship, Capt. T. N. Rogers—Routier, Broekmann & Co.

SARAZON, British ship, Captain H. J. Smith—Mellchers & Co.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

H.M.S. *Scutari* arrived at Singapore on the 13th inst. from Hongkong.

SINGAPORE, when last mail advices left, was rovelling in the uneventful luxury of two circuses—Harmont & Son's and Abell and Klaes'.

We understand that on the voyage from Singapore to Hongkong, Mr. R. Gaul, third officer of the P. & O. steamer *Thibet*, disappeared, and is supposed to have been drowned. Mr. Gaul was a young man, and nothing is known to lead to the impression that he committed suicide.

TOMORROW Mr. Thomas opens 'The Grill Room' at Duddell Street, where he has made extensive preparations for receiving the public. The want of a satisfactory place where a 'snack' might be obtained on a moment's notice, or where titill might be had by travellers who have merely come ashore for a run over the Colony, has been felt for some time, and now that the 'Grill' has been established it should command a large patronage, and those who know the wide experience of Mr. Thomas and the capabilities he has for managing a public refectory of this kind require no further assurances for its good management. The grill room has been neatly furnished, is light, cheerful and attractive, and although it is capable of accommodating a good number of visitors, we are inclined to think that it will soon become too small for Mr. Thomas' business. The kitchen is a model of cleanliness, and will be under the constant supervision of the host. In the small adjunctory bar an ample supply of the best quality of liquors is obtainable.

The Hongkong 'Odd Volumes' have a pretty large enterprise in hand. They are going into the show business and propose to give Hongkong a novel treat. It has been resolved by the Volumes to get together all the exhibits that are to be sent to the Imperial Institute, and to display these, along with a lot of other things that are not going to the Imperial Institute, in the City Hall. The entertainment, we believe, is to be called a 'conversations' for some reason which is not quite apparent at present. There will be music, and there will also be speeches by the leading local orators (including H. E. the Governor), and the committee of the Volumes will do all that lies in their power to interest and instruct, perhaps even to amuse, the public on the occasion. The exhibition will completely annihilate the popular delusion that Hongkong can produce nothing but granite and scrip, and may perhaps be the first step towards deciding the question whether the next World's Fair is to be held in Hongkong. At all events, we hope the Volumes will have a bumper house, and we have not the slightest doubt that those who attend the show will spend a pleasant evening—if such a thing be yet possible without Ta-ta-tee, which, we understand, will not be in the programme.

The Straits Times says:—Some fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz have been forwarded to Singapore from Raub in the local office of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Company. It comes from a strike which has just been made at a sixty feet level in the Raub Hole. Gold is carried freely, and, although an assay has not been made of the stuff, it must run to several ounces. If the lode should turn out to be anything big, the prospects of a dividend would certainly be more hopeful.

THE report of the directors of the Mysore Gold Mining Company (Limited) for the twelve months ending December 31st 1892, states that the gold sales for the year realized the sum of \$49,332, and the receipts from other sources amounted to \$200, which together make the gross income on revenue account \$49,622. After charging against this all revenue expenditure and the royalty on gold, there remains a balance of \$33,167, being the profit on the year's working. The total dividends, distributed for the year 1892 amounted to per share, or 50 per cent, upon the capital of the company.

THE *Mitsubishi Nihonbu*, in an article translated by the *Japan Herald*, says that since the Yokohama break water affair, all cement intended for Government use undergoes the most searching examination. The Tokyo Waterworks Committee has called the attention of the Government to the very large order for which they have called for tenders, so that extra precautions may be observed in testing the article before being used. The usual plan is to prove some 10 or 15 barrels in every hundred, but owing to collusion between contractors and examiners, this test has often been but a farce. The quantity required by the waterworks is over 200,000 barrels, value £40,000, and as it is quite evident that tenders will be made at a reduction, the Committee have selected the Asano Cement Co. for the first supply of 20,000 barrels from amongst the tenders, and the price agreed upon is 4.41 yen per barrel, and it is understood that nothing but what is up to the correct standard will be accepted.

In the Supreme Court, Singapore, on the 13th inst., before the Hon. W. Barnes, Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Colyer and Mr. Justice Johnson, judgment was given in the case of Pan Ahn Ramaesamy, plaintiff; Charles Grant Logan, defendant. It appears that, in August 1891, Pan Ahn Ramaesamy handed to defendant four documents being securities entitled positive promissory notes by which the Positive Government Security Life Assurance Company, Limited, promised to pay the bearer certain sums amounting in all to Rs. 2,000/-^{10/-}. The defendant granted a receipt which was produced. The notes were afterwards used by defendant as security for his hotel account, and the notes were only cleared after trouble by plaintiff's visitors on the 22nd October, 1892, the defendant providing other securities to the hotel keeper. Then defendant ordered that the name of the defendant be struck off the roll of the advocates and solicitors of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

The *Penang Gazette* reports another outbreak among the lepers at Pulau Jerjik. While the Colonial Surgeon was on one of his customary visits to the station number of the lepers went to his office and demanded from him the supply of more chloroform for communication. He told them to go back to the island, where their request would be seen to afterwards. They did so, but subsequently one of them returned, and as he was inclined to be inhumanistic, he was ordered to be made prisoner and locked up in the cell. No sooner was this order carried out than the whole three hundred lepers rose in a body, rushed up to the cell, broke open the door, and rescued the prisoner, and otherwise showed their determination to thwart the authorities. Under the circumstances, Dr. Dane despatched Mr. Hodges in the *Sea Hawk* with the news to procure the necessary police assistance to attend to the above information. Chief Inspector Drury, with a body of Sikh and native police all armed, proceeded to the island and, on their arrival, had little difficulty in restoring order. Ten of the lepers were made prisoners and confined in the cells, and two others, said to be the ringleaders, were, at the request of the Colonial Surgeon, brought over here for the purpose of charging them before the Magistrate.

ALLEGED POISONING IN GRAHAM STREET.

At the magistrate this afternoon Capt. Hastings was engaged hearing the first portion of the evidence in a charge against Li Chou of adulterising a stupefying drug to four persons in a house at 23 Graham Street on 14th instant with intent to commit a felony.

Li Kat Shan, tobacconist, stated:—At 7.30 a.m. on 9th inst. the prisoner and a man named Wong came to my house, and promised to rent a vacant room for \$20 a month. They were both strangers to me. I found defendant's surname was Li. I asked him if he told me. The man surnamed Wong told me they belonged to the Teu Shing rice shop in Bonham Strand. I rented the room to them, and they began to paper it. Wong said he would pay me from the 15th inst. although he had not done the papering before then. They left at 9.30 a.m., and did the same every day till the 13th inst. When I went out on the 14th inst. they had not come at 10 a.m. I returned at 5 p.m., and found both men there. The defendant was in the back room lying on an opium bed with my friend Ho Pui. There was a tray of opium smoking implements with a little opium between them. The defendant was cleaning the window in the back room. I took off my coat and lay down in my room, and Wong and Ho Pui went out. I called my boy who was in the sitting room and ordered him to go out to buy food. I then went into a passage and spoke to Wong. He afterwards went to the room where defendant was at work and asked him why he had not gone home to supper. He said he was going in a few minutes. We then had our rice. Ho Pui and myself—in the sitting room, I asked the prisoner and Wong to take food with us, and they refused. I then ate a few pieces of fish raw, and found it had a bad taste. I drank some soup, and noticed it tasted bitter, and made me feel unwell. Ho Pui made no remark. I then called to my wife who was in the front room, and asked her if she noticed anything peculiar. She said she did not feel faint. I told her not to take any more. I had asked prisoner and Wong to take food with us before this. When I spoke to my wife they left. I heard them say to Chu 'Shut the door,' I went to smoke opium, but was too ill; and I sent my boy next door to call Ho Chui Sak and A Sing, my friends. They came, and I told them what had occurred and that I thought the man who had engaged the room had poison'd us. I took \$100 in notes from my pocket and gave them to Ho Chui Sak. I told him the man might return about 9 p.m., and that if they did we would give them into custody. I then became unconscious. The food was cooked in the kitchen on the first floor. The person present while it was cooking was myself, Ho Pui, my wife, A. Oh, the prisoner and Wong.

The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

IS CHRISTIANITY WORTH INTRODUCING INTO CHINA?

A few weeks ago, in an article published in these columns, some of the more common objections to Christian Missions in China were stated, and replies were given from the standpoint of those who think these missions to be both rational, and as an enterprise hopeful.

An objector who wishes to carry the war into Africa, now raises the further inquiry, since the present state of Christian lands is so unsatisfactory after nineteen centuries of Christian teaching, what reason there is to suppose that Christianity will succeed in removing from China evils which it has not yet overcome elsewhere.

This is a perfectly fair question. If it can not be satisfactorily answered, then thinking men will be quite justified in the conclusion that missions to the Chinese rest upon a basis of sentiment rather than of reason. In what we have to say upon this point we shall aim to be perfectly frank, and so explicit as not to be misunderstood. What is 'Christianity'? It is not the same thing as Progress or Civilization. By civilization we mean, in the language of Dr. Mitchell, 'the complicated outcome of a warfare which man in organized society wages with nature, to prevent quite apart from the general upward movement of race elsewhere. On the other hand, the oldest civilization of which we know anything, the Egyptian—was very highly developed; in some respects more so than any which has followed it. And it was partly successful in preserving some remnant of that mighty race, even down to the present time. But ancient Egypt had no knowledge of Christianity.

Even if we take Christianity in its more extended sense, so as to include all revelation to man from the beginning, it can not

be claimed that progress sprung out of it. It was the descendants of Cain, not those of Seth, who became inventors and discoverers. There is a great deal of modern progress which can not be shown to have been due to Christianity, but rather to that general uplift and forward movement of mankind, which is an exemption of what we now call social evolution.

Again, Christianity is not the same as the Christian Church, nor is it identical with any sect or denomination of it. This is a distinction of fundamental importance. The so-called 'Church' has often departed widely from real Christianity, and even while serving as an ark upon the waters in presenting what might else have perished, as an organization it has often been distinctly antagonistic to real Christianity, and for long periods of time together. What does the word 'Christianity' mean? We mean the system of religious faith and morals, to be derived from the words, teachings, and characters of Jesus Christ, especially as they are embodied in the New Testament.

Mr. Holmes—I am instructed to appear for the plaintiff, and I would ask your Lordship to fix a day for hearing, and it may be convenient to me to do so.

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